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*For Immediate Release February 8, 2021* – The Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia (CUFA BC) congratulates the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training on [investing \\$4 million in 24 micro-credentials](#) across the province.

“We look forward to seeing how micro-credentials like these will support existing education programs as part of the economic recovery process,” says CUFA BC President Dr. Daniel Laitsch. “While relatively new, micro-credentials can be a successful initiative within the post-

secondary sector, so long as they’re done strategically and within institutional mandates and structures. We look forward to working with Minister Kang in supporting faculty, students in this process.”

The BC government anticipates providing short-duration micro-credentials to more than 2,000 British Columbians in an effort to reskill and upskill the work force as part of the province’s economic recovery. Micro-credentials will be developed and open to enrolment by the end of March 2021 and include a variety of courses related to essential workplace skills, CleanBC and climate action, technology and emerging economies, health and human services, and construction maintenance.

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*CUFA BC represents over 5,500 faculty members, professional librarians, lecturers, instructors, and other academics at the five research-intensive universities in British Columbia, which include University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, Royal Roads University and University of Northern British Columbia.*

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